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WASHINGTON DC 20420

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Re: #19-00190-F

Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your October 3, 2018 FOIA request to the Department of Veterans Affairs requesting the following: "All training materials & curriculum information for would be officers who attend the VA Law Enforcement Training Center in Little Rock, Arkansas."

Enclosed is the syllabus for the VA Police Standardized Training (POST). Certain information pertaining to the staff has been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C) (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(6),7 (C)), the disclosure of which would reasonably constitute an invasion of personal privacy for all individuals, and affords protection of the identity of law enforcement personnel. Training materials are withheld pursuant to Exemption 7 (E) (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552 (b)(7)(E)), which affords withholding of analyses of security processes, law enforcement techniques and procedures which could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

If you wish to appeal this determination, please send the appeal letter within ninety (90) days to:

Office of General Counsel (OGC/024)
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20420
Fax: (202) 273-6388
Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

Please include a copy of your request and this letter with your appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determination. Please mark the front and back of the envelope with "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

As an alternative to an appeal, you may contact VA FOIA Public Liaison, which was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and VA. Using this method does not affect your right to appeal. You may contact VA FOIA Public Liaison at Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420. Email: vafoiaservice@va.gov, phone: (877) 750-3642, Fax: (202) 632-7581.

Also, the office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making requests and administrative agencies as a nonexclusive alternative to litigation and, at the discretion of the OGIS, may issue advisory options if mediation has not resolved the dispute. The OGIS is at the National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi road, College Park, MD 20740, Email: ogis@nara.gov, phone: (877) 684-6448, Fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely



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